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Applicant: William Bush et al.  
Title: THREAD SUSPENSION SYSTEM AND METHOD USING TRAPPING INSTRUCTIONS  
Application No.: 09/986,231 Filed: October 22, 2001  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- ☒ Response to Non-Final Office Action (31 page(s))
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (3 month) (2 page(s))
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (      page(s)), including PTO/SB0/8A and/or PTO/SB/08B (      page(s)), and copies of      reference(s)
- ☒ Other: Replacement Sheet for Fig. 3 (1 page(s))
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- ☒ Transmittal Letter (2 page(s));
- ☒ Return postcard;

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Fee For Extension Of Time				\$1,020.00
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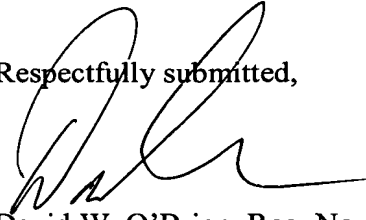
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